

We claim:

1. In a network, a method comprising the steps of:
  - 5 sending a request from a user for a page having educational content over the network;
  - receiving said page;
  - displaying the content to a user;
  - tracking and recording the time the user views the educational content to ensure
  - 10 said user views said content for a time greater than or equal to a minimum time period and less than or equal to a maximum time period.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the user receives continuing education credit for viewing the educational content where said time is between said maximum and said
- 15 minimum time periods.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein said educational content is presented to a user in the form of a daily interrogatory and related answer.
- 20 4. The method of claim 2 comprising the additional steps of:
  - recording the amount of credit granted to each user; and
  - providing the amount of credit granted to each user to said user upon request.
5. The method of claim 2 wherein said method does not award educational credit to a
- 25 user of said electronic device for reviewing said educational content as a result of the recorded amount of time exceeding a maximum time parameter.
6. The method of claim 2 comprising the additional steps of:
  - sending a message to the user indicating an inadequate amount of time has been
  - 30 spent reviewing said educational content, said message generated as a result of the recorded amount of time not exceeding a minimum time parameter;
  - receiving subsequently from said user a new recorded amount of time; and

awarding educational credit to the user based on said new recorded amount of time.

7. In a network, a method comprising the steps of:

- 5       providing a page having educational content over the network;  
          receiving a request for said page from a user;  
          sending said page to the user;  
          tracking and recording the time the user views the educational content to ensure  
said user views said content for a time greater than or equal to a minimum time period  
10       and less than or equal to a maximum time period.

8. In a network, a method comprising the steps of:

- providing a page having one or more educational units and one or more  
advertising units;  
15       associating one or more of said advertising units with one or more of said  
educational units such that said advertising unit is displayed in connection with said  
educational unit.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein a plurality of said advertising units constitute an  
20       advertisement.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein said advertising units are indexed to said  
educational units.

- 25       11. The method of claim 8 wherein said advertising units displayed are specific to the  
user.

12. The method of claim 8 wherein said advertisement is part of a sequence of  
advertising, said sequence of advertising being synchronized with the sequence of  
30       educational units.

13. The method of claim 8 comprising the further step of:  
forwarding said educational unit and an associated advertisement to a  
user-designated recipient.

5 14. In a network, a method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of pages holding educational content, said educational  
content grouped by topics, said topics divided into a plurality of educational units  
providing substantially complete content, said educational units stored on said web  
pages;

10 receiving a request from a user of an electronic device interfaced with said  
network for one of said pages;

forwarding said page in response to said request;

receiving an indication from said user that said user has completed reviewing  
said educational content.

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15. The method of claim 14 wherein said educational unit includes content for a  
professional user and a non-professional user.

16. The method of claim 14 comprising the additional steps of:

20 grouping selected educational units so as to form a course;

registering said user for said course; and

sending said educational units forming said course to said electronic device for  
review by said user.

25 17. The method of claim 14 comprising the additional steps of:

providing user response to the author of said educational units after said user  
reviews said educational units; and

altering other educational units based on said user response.

30 18. The method of claim 14 comprising the additional steps of:

presenting said educational unit to said user in the format of a crossword puzzle;

providing hyperlinks to the correct answers for said crossword puzzle; and

using said crossword puzzle completion as a basis for awarding continuing education units to said user.

19. The method of claim 14 comprising the additional step of:

- 5        providing a search feature for said educational unit, said search feature searching multiple educational units on a plurality of web pages utilizing a single query.

20. In a network, a method comprising the steps of:

- providing a plurality of web pages, said web pages including educational units  
10    providing substantially complete content, said educational units stored on said web pages;

      receiving a request from a user of an electronic device interfaced with said network for a search of said educational units; and

- searching said educational units based upon a user-supplied profession of the  
15    author of said educational unit.

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